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SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
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POLLUTION DUE TO COAL HANDLING AT MORMUGAO PORT
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal handling at Mormugao Port results in dust pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to check the dust pollution?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS(SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): There have been instances of dust emanating during high gusty winds while handling coal at Berth No.11 where traditional equipment with semi-mechanization facility is used.

(c): Necessary pollution control measures have been taken in consultation with the Goa State Pollution Board viz spraying of water continuously to control the dust generated during operations, covering of coal/coke stakes, sweeping of roads, proper cleaning and coverage of the trucks etc. The Goa State Pollution Control Board regularly carries out Ambient Air Quality Monitoring (AAQM) through the HVAS stations set up in Vasco.